



**CITY OF BLOOMINGTON
parks and recreation**

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**Board of Park Commissioners
Regular Meeting
Minutes**

Tuesday, December 9, 2008
4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Council Chambers
401 N. Morton St.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Carter at 4:05 p.m.

Board Present: John Carter, Les Coyne, Joe Hoffmann, Jane St. John

Staff Present: Mick Renneisen, Judy Seigle, Dave Williams, Lee Huss, Bev Johnson, Marcia Veldman, Sarah Nix, Anna Weigand, Susie Tempest

A. CONSENT CALENDAR

A-1. Approval of Minutes of November 18, 2008 Meeting

A-2. Approval of Claims Submitted November 18 – December 8, 2008

A-3. Approval of Non-Reverting Budget Amendments

A-4. Review of Business Report

Mr. Hoffmann made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Ms. St. Jane seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS/APPEARANCES

B-1. Public Comment Period

B-2. Bravo Award – Charlotte Holly

Ms. Veldman addressed the Board and stated that the December Bravo Award is being presented to Charlotte Holly. Ms. Holly moved to Bloomington in July 2006 and began volunteering with the Farmers' Market shortly after settling in. She recently began staffing the Parks Department table at the Market and she loves doing the surveys! She is always willing to help at the Market with whatever needs to be done. In addition to her involvement with the Parks and Recreation Department, she also volunteers with Volunteers in Medicine, RSVP and at her church.

Ms. Holly addressed the Board and expressed her thanks for this recognition and she said she "truly loves Parks and Recreation, and the Farmers' Market especially." She appreciates seeing people buying such healthy foods.

B-3 – Staff Recognition – Anna Weigand

Ms. Johnson addressed the Board and recognized Ms. Weigand for her service to the community through her work with the Kid City Camp programs. In 2002 Ms. Weigand took the initiative to submit Kid City Camp for accreditation through the American Camping Association (ACA). This process required a thorough evaluation of the daily operation of the camp, and meeting up to 300 standards for health, safety, and program quality. After many long hours of preparation, Kid City camp was the first camp in Monroe County to receive the distinction of Day Camp Accreditation. In 2008, she once again coordinated the process to assure that Kid City camps met all of the requirements for reaccreditation. At the ACA Annual meeting held on October 17, Ms. Weigand received The Heart and Soul Award, the highest honor awarded by ACA Indiana. The recipient of this award must have given unstintingly to promote the general good of camping through participating in, developing, initiating and sharing imaginative and creative programs in all areas of camping administration.

Ms. Weigand addressed the Board and thanked the Department and the Board for their support during the past eight years.

Mr. Coyne stated that he has worked with Ms. Weigand on some departmental training and stated that she is extremely professional and congratulated her on her dedication and commitment to following through on the accreditation process.

Mr. Renneisen stated that Ms. Weigand has recently resigned her full-time position to return to school. She will be leaving the department in January 2009.

B-4. Park Foundation Report – This item was tabled until the January 2009 meeting

C. OTHER BUSINESS

C-1. Review/Approval of Consultant Contract with Bruce Carter & Associates for Environmental Remediation Assessment Services for the B-Line Trail Project

Mr. Williams addressed the Board seeking approval of a consultant contract with Bruce Carter & Associates to perform additional remediation assessment for Phase II of the B-Line Trail project. He stated that the Redevelopment Commission previously granted \$14,360 in funding for these services which comes out of a TIF account. The Parks Board is being asked to approve the contract. Construction on this phase of the B-Line is anticipated to begin in 2009 and will be funded by the City of Bloomington and a \$900,000 State Trails grant.

Mr. Hoffmann made a motion to approve the consultant contract with Bruce Carter & Associates for environmental remediation assessment services for phase II of the B-Line Trail. Ms. St. John seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

D. REPORTS

D-1. Operations Division – Capital Projects Update

Mr. Williams addressed the Board and provided them with an update on Department capital projects. The following projects were started or completed in 2008:

- Bryan Park Tot Lot Playground
- Banneker Community Center Limestone Wall Rehabilitation
- Rosehill Cemetery Wall Rehabilitation
- Solar Lighting installations at Griffy Lake and Broadview Park
- Park Ridge East Park Playground

- Sherwood Oaks Park Playground (construction to begin soon)
- Buskirk-Chumley Theater Exterior Rehabilitation
- Phase I Construction of the B-Line Trail (Phase II construction to begin in 2009)

D-1. Operations Division –Urban Forestry Report

Mr. Huss addressed the Board and provided them with an update on 2008 Urban Forestry activities. He introduced Sarah Mincey, a graduate student in Environmental Science at Indiana University School of SPEA. She stated that it is very appropriate that Indiana University and the City of Bloomington work together on Urban Forestry issues as Bloomington was the first Tree City USA city and IU Bloomington is the woodland campus. She presented a poster project that received an award from the International Society of Arboriculture in 2008. This class project included research in social ecological systems in Bloomington, specifically how the public participates in managing the city's urban forest. Undergraduate and graduate students participating in the class project met with neighborhood associations: Prospect Hill, Elm Heights, Near Westside, Eastside, McDoel Gardens, Green Acres, and Bryan Park. The students met with neighborhood associations, interviewed residents, and looked at census data. They also took the street tree inventories, GIS data and combined the information into a report that is summarized on the poster project. She added that project will continue again in the spring 2009.

Mr. Huss continued with his update on the Urban Forestry by thanking his staff: full-time staff Tim Connolly, and seasonal staff Kevin Prince, and Erin Lally. Tim Connolly is no longer with the department and Kevin Prince was recently offered his full-time position. Trees planted in 2008: 131 street trees; 150 park trees (with 100 of those along the B-Line Trail) and 52 trees were added to the nursery for a total of 281 trees. Trees removed in 2008: 158 street trees and 34 park trees for a total of 192. He stated that a new tree ordinance was adopted that includes the use of tree-removal placards to identify trees that will be removed. He provided pictures of many trees that receive storm damage during the spring and summer. Several trees were planted along Indiana Avenue with funds received from an ALCOA Grant. An air spade that was purchased for root examination was very useful in saving trees during the B-Line Trail project. Mr. Huss is currently working with local wood workers and developers to recycle trees that have been removed from city properties. Some pieces of furniture that have been made from the recycled trees include golf caddies, tables, bookshelves, and mirrors. Beavers at Miller Showers Park proved difficult to deal with as they destroyed a few trees! Staff continues to work with Duke Energy to identify trees that can be hazardous to power lines.

D-2. Sports Division – No Report

D-3. Recreation Division – No Report

D-4. Administration Division – No Report

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy Seigle, Secretary Board of Park Commissioners